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In the opening proceedings of the organization of the Legislative Assembly of South Carolina, as now represented in the capital, we hail the indications of unanimity, honesty, fidelity, and devotion to the State, which should mark the demeanor of all officially charged with our destiny and fortunes at this juncture. Let the General Assembly go on in this way, firmly and bravely, considering public, not private, not party feeling, and we have no doubt that the State, under the leadership of its representatives, will share our position and duty, so far as may be done without a sacrifice of essential and vital honor.

They who have ignorantly or wantonly charged South Carolina with a vain desire for the place and post of independence, and with a desire for the construction and reconstruction of Federal relations, or external relations, have erred as widely from the truth as those who have derisively proclaimed that she could and would undertake or dare no resistance of any kind to any aggressions or under any provocations. If the index of the dial-plate of Providence points to South Carolina as the leader of the South, in the present crisis, we are confident that we are constrained to regard any popular movement at the present moment as ill-advised and unfortunate.

We regard to the object of the meeting, were it simply designed to recommend to the Legislature of Georgia to call a Convention to settle the great question of the day, and in the present condition of affairs, bringing to the will of the people an expression of its policy, we can see no reasonable objection that could be urged against it, and there is no citizen within the limits of Georgia who would more cheerfully submit to her will, let it be what it may, than ourselves.

The Legislature has no right to act on this question, and commit the State to any line of policy, for they were elected without reference to the question, and it is impossible for them to ascertain the will of their constituents through the agency of public meetings, which are as often opposed to the real public sentiment as they are indications of that sentiment. Nothing can be more fallacious, and especially at a juncture like this, when the popular excitement is limited to national affairs. The ballot-box is the only one of right and right test, and that should not be forestalled by the Legislature or anybody else.

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SECESSION BEFORE ELECTION.

We have copious editorials and speeches from Southern presses and men, setting forth what they would do in the event of Lincoln's election; but as they were pronounced before the result, we omit them altogether.

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We learn from a friend that on Wednesday, at Fairfax Court-House, a man named Gantrell, who had voted for Lincoln, was seized by a party while he was coming out of the Court-House, and carried a short distance from the village, where he was brutally beaten and his property was taken from him. He was then carried to his home in an uncomfortable situation as one would wish to be in. [Alexandria Gazette, Nov. 9.]

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A prominent and highly respectable gentleman of this city has handed us the following extract from a private letter just received from Alabama, dated Oct. 31, 1860:

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